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In re Patent Application of:
Lisa A. Neuhold et al.

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For: TRANSGENIC ANIMAL MODEL FOR
DEGENERATIVE DISEASES OF
CARTILAGE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks. This Response and Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for two month's Extension of Time up to and including Monday August 9, 2004 and its accompanying fee, Exhibits A-I, and a revised version of the SB-08a form filed February 28, 2001.

It is believed that no other fees other than the petition fee for two month's extension of time is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee(s) is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.